

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006. Claim 57 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 24, 43, 45-52 and 54-56 remain in the present application. Applicants note and appreciate Examiner's allowance of claims 43 and 45-48. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Examiner has withdrawn claim 57 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. While Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's position, Applicants have canceled claim 57 without prejudice or disclaimer to filing a divisional application thereon.

While Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims 24, 49-52 and 54-56 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 12, 16, 18 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,489,307, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 24, 49-52 and 54-56 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited. If there is any issue that remains which may be resolved by telephone conference, Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to resolve the same and expedite the allowance of this application.

Please see the electronic fee calculation sheet for the charge in the amount of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee for a large entity. If any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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